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Sir:

Please consider the following Applicants' response to the outstanding rejection of September 9, 2004 in the above identified application.

**REMARKS**

Applicants appreciate the Examiner indicating the drawings filed May 11, 2004 are accepted.

At the time of rejection, claims 1-8 were pending and claims 1-8 were rejected.

Review and reconsideration on the merits are requested.

The prior art considered: U.S. 2004/0062826A1 Shibasaki (Shibasaki); U.S. 5,601,740 Eldridge et al (Eldridge).

The rejection: claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shibasaki in view of Eldridge.